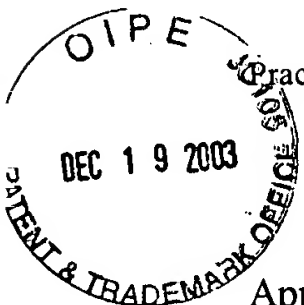


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37 C.F.R. section 1.116
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AMENDMENT OR RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION--TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment after final rejection (37 C.F.R. 1.116) for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING OR MAILING (37 C.F.R. section 1.10/1.8(a))

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the united States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as Express Mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, bearing label no. EL961800945US.

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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit Fee
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First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+ \$290 =	\$.00
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FEE PAYMENT

5. A check in the amount of \$258.00 is enclosed herewith.

FEE DEFICIENCY

6. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, or if any additional fee for claims is required, charge Account No. 502191.

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the final Office action of October 31, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification -/-.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings -/-

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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